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Applicant	: Naoto Hirota)	Group Art Unit 2871
Serial No.	: 09/928,182)	
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For	: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE)	
Examiner	: Unknown)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, enclosed is a form PTO-1449 listing references that are also enclosed herewith. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months from the filing date of the instant national application, and thus no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1).

The list in the form PTO-1449 includes Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 7-191336 filed by Toshiba Corp. and Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 7-134301 filed by Hitachi, Ltd., both of which have been cited in the International Search Report of the original International Application No. PCT/JP97/01304. A copy of the International Search Report in English is enclosed herewith which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Searching Authority under MPEP § 609.

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Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 7-134301 filed by Hitachi, Ltd. is relevant to the present application because it discloses a liquid crystal display device with a wide viewing angle in which a pixel electrode and a common electrode are bent in a manner shown in Fig. 1.

U.S. Patent No. 5,598,285 was cited in the parent case, U.S. application No. 09/142,448 filed September 3, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,288,763.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed references be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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